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ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Action Memorandum No. A-243

Date 10 May 1963

TO : Deputy Director/Intelligence
SUBJECT : NSAM No. 239, "U.S. Disarmament Proposals"
REFERENCE:

The DCI requests that you prepare an internal CIA study in regard to the request by the President noted in paragraph 3 of NSAM No. 239.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

Attachment (NSAM No. 239)

*Ans. by ER 63-4944,
dated 15 June 1963.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 239

TO: The Director, U. S. Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency
The Committee of Principals

SUBJECT: U. S. Disarmament Proposals

1. Discussions in the 18 Nation Disarmament Conference at Geneva on both general and complete disarmament and a nuclear test ban treaty have unfortunately resulted in almost no progress. There has been no serious discussion of general and complete disarmament for some time. While discussions of a test ban treaty have shown important developments since the beginning of the 18 Nation Conference, they are now stalled.

2. I have in no way changed my views of the desirability of a test ban treaty or the value of our proposals on general and complete disarmament. Further, the events of the last two years have increased my concern for the consequences of an un-checked continuation of the arms race between ourselves and the Soviet Bloc.

3. We now expect the 18 Nation Disarmament Committee in Geneva to recess shortly for six weeks to two months. I should like the interval to be used for an urgent re-examination of the possibilities of new approaches to significant measures short of general and complete disarmament which it would be in the interest of the United States to propose in the resumed session of the Geneva Conference. ACDA will, in accordance with its statutory responsibilities,

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